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THE "FLU" OUTBREAK

Reappearance of the "flu" recalls the scourge of the Spanish influenza during the autumn of 1918 and the early part of 1919, says the New York Herald. It first appeared in New York September 18, 1918. On that date five cases were reported. Its rapid spread over the country is a story of many deaths and heroic efforts on the part of physicians and boards of health. The number of cases in New York increased rapidly, reaching a total of 139,000, with 12,000 deaths. The number of cases in training camps reached 14,000. The city authorities asked for \$55,000. Congress appropriated \$1,000,000 to fight the plague. The nation organized for a great battle.

In November, when the influenza began to recede, it was estimated that the victims in New York State alone were 19,000, in the United States 300,000, and in the world 6,000,000. The scourge was particularly fatal in India.

According to one theory, the malady was brought into Spain by the crews of interned German U-boats. Later this was confirmed, for the disease started with violence in the German camps, apparently starting in the centres of population such as Berlin and Hamburg.

Great wars have always brought on great pestilence. It is said that the Roman soldiers returning from Africa brought the influenza into Spain. Since the scourge spread with such lightning rapidity and was so deadly the superstitious Spaniards connected it with some "influence" of the stars—a supernatural influence. Since then the name of "flu" has stuck to the plague. Since the germ theory was not discovered until 1870, this explanation seemed quite plausible.

However, as in the case of yellow fever at Panama, sanitation and personal cleanliness will do much to ward off this scourge.

WITHOUT A BIRTHDAY.

It is possible for a baby to be born this year never again to have a birthday. For this is leap year, and a baby born at the right spot at the right time will almost certainly have no birthdays to keep. This has actually happened to a baby who was born during the voyage from Yokohama to San Francisco on the last day of February, 1904. It is well known that in order to make the actual number of sunrises and sunsets experienced during a voyage round the world correspond with the calendar, an extra day must be intercalated or "thrown overboard," according to the direction travelled. This adjustment is made at the moment of crossing the 180th meridian, which runs to the west of midway point between Japan and California. And a baby born on February 30 must be content to do without birthdays, unless he or she should happen to be on a similar spot at the same time in some future leap year, which would be a rather wild improbability.

A correspondent of the New York Herald writes as follows: "Now that the 'flu' is with us again, I have questions to ask and suggestions to make. Why are our girls, especially the lovely buds, allowed to wear in this treacherous weather on the streets the thinnest of silk stockings and satin slippers and ties (not even leather—no warmth), dresses almost to their knees, etc.? What are parents and guardians thinking of? Why not help the doctors and nurses, who are so overworked by keeping your families well? Then, if stricken with this awful affliction, which is so prevalent among the young, be ready to combat it by taking care of yourselves."

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Poverty is a sure cure for dyspepsia. Cupid teaches even the young female idea how to shoot.

Have you joined the ancient and honorable order of rent boosters?

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The non-resident landlord who basks under a fig tree seems to be the worst rent booster of all.

Yes, George, if you would find out whether the girl loves you, ask her girl friends.

No tenant would object to paying increased rent if the landlord would only undertake to buy the fuel.

Women are naturally tender-hearted. No woman ever deliberately stepped on a mouse.

Some tenants in this city would like to get into communication with Mars and Jupiter at the present time.

Most of the splinters in the banisters of life are unnoticed until we begin to slide down.

It can't be Mars, it must be Venus that is trying to signal to the earth, a scientist says. Some of the Venuses seeking leap year opportunities, we'll bet.

FROM THE PUBLIC

U. N. B. FOREST LANDS

To the Editor of The Mail:

Dear Sir: We are frequently reminded that our University is in need of money and that a larger grant from the provincial treasury must be forthcoming if it is to keep up the splendid work it is doing. Now it strikes me that if the college is in need of ready cash it should get busy and dispose of some of the lumber, pulpwood and firewood to be found on the large tract of forest land which it owns. This land is located within the city limits and the college authorities should take advantage of the prevailing high prices and turn part of their holdings into coin of the realm. The professor of forestry and his students should be engaged to cruise the land ascertain the quantity of merchantable lumber of various kinds and then offer the same for sale on a stumpage basis. If the lumber on the college land is ever to be sold it seems to me that it would be good business to get rid of it while the going is good. I have been informed that this large tract of land has never been much of a revenue producer for the university. F'ton, Jan. 28.

F. G. SPENCER SAYS THEATRE TO OPEN SOON

IMPROVEMENTS TO BE DONE IN A FORTNIGHT

Nothing to Say Concerning a New Theatre Building — To See Chestnuts While Here.

F. G. Spencer, president of F. G. Spencer, Limited, is here today in connection with his theatrical enterprises. The City Opera House of which his firm has taken a lease is now in process of remodeling and renovation. Mr. Spencer said this morning that he expected to have his theatre in the Opera House in operation within a fortnight. He has not yet decided whether or not the seating arrangement of the house will be altered. It is possible that a centre aisle will be made. The interior decorations of the auditorium and the entrance stairways are being entirely altered.

Nothing to Say Yet
Mr. Spencer stated that he had nothing to say relative to the building of a new theatre in this city. Rumor has connected his name with the purchase of property in York Street purchased last year by R. Chestnut & Sons and formerly occupied as a livery stable. Mr. Spencer had nothing to say about that matter but admitted property while in Fredericton.

Mr. J. S. Knowles Dead
Mr. Joseph S. Knowles an old time newspaper man and publicist died at his home in St. John on Thursday. He was eighty-five years of age and was a native of Granville Ferry, N. S. At one time he published a magazine called Gripsack which was very popular among commercial men. He is survived by a widow and three daughters. The late Mr. Thomas Knowles of this city was a brother.

but there is no good reason why this should be the case any longer.

Thanking you for space, Mr. Editor, I am,

Yours respectfully,
LUMBERJACK.

Humor Of J. W. Leonard

His Scrap Book and His Well Done Work

The late James W. Leonard, formerly general superintendent of the C. P. R., in Toronto, was one of that picturesque type of railroad man which is passing into history.

The older generation will recall the figure he made a quarter of a century ago when he was superintendent for the C. P. R. He wore a frock coat, a wide-brimmed slouch hat, and smoked a pipe of slight proportion.

The hat became a sort of landmark. It was a symbol around the C. P. R. To fit, one came for the brief, business-like "yes" or "no" that characterized "Jimmie" Leonard's abrupt and efficient administration. But the hat began to show signs of decay. However jauntily "J. W." cocked it over one eye. It wilted and faded. So his good friend, W. R. Callaway, now general passenger agent of the Soo line, took Mr. Leonard up on the hat question and urged him to get a new one.

"What for?" demanded J. W. "Nobody would know me in another hat! This is my crown! Nothing doing!"

Mr. Callaway finally offered to buy a new hat, and J. W. said: "You're on."

A new derby was purchased, sleek, and in the latest fashion of the eighteen nineties. J. W. put it on, and ordered the famous old slouch hat to be sent home.

Next morning, J. W. appeared on the job in the old slouch hat! Another anecdote indicates the late Mr. Leonard's quiet but effective method of brushing away the vanities of human nature. A young man applied for a job to him. This young man was sporting a walking stick.

"I'm afraid we can't do anything for you," said Mr. Leonard. "We can't use a lame man."

"But I'm not lame!" protested the applicant. "Then why the cane?" asked J. W.

The applicant got the job, but he discarded the stick and also a certain frame of mind out of which the stick arose.

Mr. Leonard was a man of few words, a trait that endeared him to his many friends and which secured him in the high esteem of the thousands of business men with whom he dealt for the railway.

Of his old comrades in the old Credit Valley Railway enterprise, only four are left: Mr. R. M. Callaway, general passenger agent of the Soo line; Mr. Alf. Price, general manager of the C. P. R.; Mr. H. E. Suckling, treasurer C. P. R., and Mr. A. L. Herzberg, divisional engineer.

HIS GREAT LOVE OF WORK.
Deep down in the recesses of his nature, it would appear that the late J. W. Leonard, whose life-motto was, "I want to do the work entrusted to me in the very best way that I can," should have been eager for the approbation of his fellows. In a scrapbook, containing the clippings of newspapers for the past twenty years, there is a letter from Lord Shaughnessy, congratulating him upon the manner in which he had moved the wheat crop out during his first year as assistant superintendent of the western division. It is evident that he valued the letter as an evidence of work well done, rather than as the approval of the head of the system.

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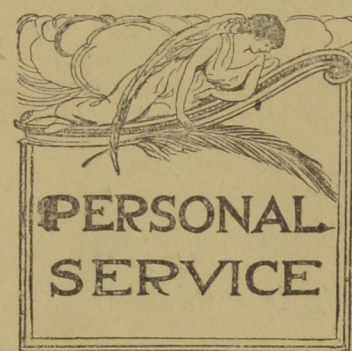
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