

OPEN AIR MASSES ACT TO STOP INFLUENZA CITY OF LENS IN RUINS TO BE BUILT IN BUSINESS

O'Connell Sends Pastoral Letter to Clergy of the Archdiocese

Archbishop O'Connell issued a pastoral letter to the clergy and faithful of the archdiocese yesterday and with it gave his blessing and benediction. He suggested that the authorities if they must shut the churches give permission for their services providing weather circumstances permit.

The days through which we are now passing are heavy with sorrow. Every man in the community is bearing its burden of grief, for few have not felt the ravages of the plague which has now taken all about us. In thousands of families death has claimed its heavy toll and the hearts of all are wrung by the voice of weeping everywhere. Never before has this generation known the dreadful uncertainty of life and the vanity of all human things. Let it be said once, never before have human agencies even while striving their best to be of assistance, realized how ineffectual all are in the face of such a tremendous emergency.

Working Left Undone
From the start the public authorities, civil and ecclesiastical, have acted with superhuman courage and most intelligent care. Nothing which could be done has been left undone to bring every human aid and comfort to the suffering and wise and well-counseled advice for the prevention of the further spread of the disease.

It is manifestly the duty of all of us to co-operate with all the authorities in all measures adopted by them for the safeguarding of public health and the diminution of the effects of the disease. Whatever man can do, that he must now all be ready to do, to conquer this menace to the physical welfare of the community.

Indeed every one is doing whatever is possible to this end already, and the fact and the untiring labor of officials, doctors, nurses, priests, nuns and brothers constitutes a wonderful example of the whole community of co-operating service to suffering humanity.

Working in complete harmony, all these self-sacrificing public servants are an inspiration to the whole community and an ineffable consolation and aid to the stricken. Surely God will bless them all for their wonderful work, offered in so high a spirit in so ready and touching a cause.

Acknowledging thus fully, as we readily do, the willingness and co-operation of all human aid, nevertheless we must precisely because we are so helpless before a potency greater than our own, humbly kneel before the providence of our good God, our loving father and faithful friend, and beseech above all else his guidance in our work and his assistance in all affliction.

We must meet the rigors of this sad situation, not with the cynicism of the pagan nor the apathy of the fatalist, but with the heroic courage and sublime resignation of true Christians. We must not be faintly audacious nor cowardly, but neither must we become cowardly nor faint-hearted.

Having prudently taken every human measure which medical and civic counsel offers, let us go on with life full of confidence in God's loving grace, and while recognizing the trial and danger, should, however, that become absolutely inevitable, then we hope that open-air masses will be permitted in each district, providing weather and circumstances permit, thus to give to the whole community the consolations which religion affords in trial and affliction, and real sanctification which the presence of our blessed Lord works unfailingly in those who seek him in the holy sacrifice of the mass.

Let us, beloved children in Christ, do everything which human counsel directs, but above all and over all, let us bow humbly to God's just decrees and, acknowledging our own infirmities and offences, look up with perfect trust and unshakable confidence to our creator, our ruler and our father.

In death, his holy will be also ours. O almighty and eternal master, my Lord and my God, spare my people from affliction. My life has no value except it be for thy glory and their service. Strike, if it is thy divine will, me, thy unworthy shepherd. Take me, if so thou wilt, and spare my faithful flock. I offer now my life willingly, freely, for thy welfare and salvation. Judge me, dear master, but at least over my dearly beloved children, the powerful hand of thy divine protection. Amen.

ARREST SHELL MAKERS Millionaire and Ten Others Charged With Conspiracy,

Readjustment of Working Hours in Business Houses and Theatres at New York

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—To check the spread of Spanish influenza by relieving congestion on the city's transportation lines, re-adjustment of working hours in business establishments and of the hours of performances in motion picture houses and theatres was ordered late yesterday by the health department.

The order affecting places of amusement, which will go into effect tonight, provides that performances in some theatres shall begin as early as 7 o'clock and in others as late as 9. The order affecting business establishments will become effective Monday.

Under the order, all stores except retail food and drug stores will open at 8 a. m. and close at 4 p. m. Business hours in wholesale and jobbing establishments will be from 8.15 a. m. to 4.15 p. m.; in offices, 8.30 a. m. to 4.30 p. m.; textile manufacturing, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. and non-textile manufacturing, 9.30 a. m. to 5.30 p. m.

PROFITEERING BY FARM PRODUCE DEALERS

(Special to The Sun)

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Oct. 5.—Residents of Massachusetts cities are victims of gross profiteering by dealers in farm produce, complaints from the State grange to the department of agriculture state. A protest was registered today by Leslie R. Smith, master of the organization here.

Mr. Smith made his appeal for the farmers and not the consumers, however, intimating that unless conditions were bettered it might seriously affect the acreage planted next year. He presented instances in which the price of produce at the farm has been kept down by the speculators, at the same time prices on the same produce was being sent sky high to the consumers.

Onions, he said, are a drug on the market in the Connecticut valley at \$1 to \$1.10 per 100 pound bag. Inferior grades are being retailed in the city shops at five cents a pound, while the fancy onions bring much higher prices. The average price is better than \$5 a bag in the cities, showing that profits amount to above 500 per cent between the farmer and the consumer—and the latter either finances the delivery at his home in most cases or carries the vegetables himself.

SUPPLIES FOR YANKEES POUR INTO FRANCE

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Oct. 5. (By A. F.)—The American supply service reached a new high mark in September, overtopping its August record by 10 per cent. American ports handled a daily average of 25,808 tons of freight. Reduced to terms of man-power, this means the handling of a little over two tons per man per day of 10 hours.

Great Coal Mines of Liberated City Flooded and Otherwise Damaged

PARIS, Oct. 5.—(Havas)—The deputy mayor of Lens, M. Basty, says the liberated city is in ruins and the coal mines flooded and otherwise damaged. To reclaim the mines will require an enormous amount of work.

The government has made a loan of over two million francs to Lens to cover the first expenses, such as the buying of tools and other implements. Several of the mine owners declare that all efforts will be put forward to get the mines on a working basis as soon as possible.

MISS RANKIN STAYS IN FIGHT

HELENA, Mont., Oct. 5.—Supporters of Miss Jeannette Rankin, representative in congress from Montana, already have begun an active campaign in her behalf as a nominee for the United States senate. Miss Rankin recently accepted the nomination of the national party for United States senator from Montana after her defeat for the republican nomination in the August primaries by Dr. O. M. Lanstrum, of Helena.

WILL RECEIVE COMMUNION

Members of Bishop Delany, General Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, will receive communion in a body at the 8 o'clock mass at St. Michael's church tomorrow morning. They will assemble at the Knights of Columbus rooms at 7.30. Day dress will be worn, including frock coat, silk hat, gray gloves, gray tie and baldric.

Suspension of 100 Grocers Will Close 100 Grocery Stores in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 5.—More than one hundred grocery stores in New Orleans will be closed by the suspension of 100 grocers by the city government on December 1st, according to A. Larose, secretary of the New Orleans Retail Grocers' Association. Of the more than 2500 grocers in the city about half are operated in competition with saloons, Mr. Larose states, and of this number about 100 per cent almost entirely are supported by revenue from the bar.

People Constipated and Don't Know It!

It seems odd, but it is true, that you may be constipated and not know it. You can see why it is. Take a glass and pour in water until full. If you keep on pouring in water after the glass is full, it will run over, but the glass stays full. Just so with your bowels; they get full of waste matter, and then they pass off or expel from the body only about the same amount that goes into it in the form of food. So you may have a movement of the bowels every day and yet there will remain waste matter that ought to be removed. Give your bowels a gentle but thorough cleaning out and you'll feel great. A new prescription for this is put up and sold under the name of Dr. True's Elixir. Doctors and druggists use it in their own families. Costs but little and brings health to men, women and children. Sweet and pleasant tasting. Works gently. Children like it. Remember the name, Dr. True's Elixir. Adv.

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