

THOMPSON DISCUSSES LAKE FRONT IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Mayor Thompson talked to the reporters for an hour in his office on the lake front improvements of the Chicago Plan com'n. The mayor really knew what he was talking about and so was very interesting.

Wm. Hale Thompson does not want a narrow lagoon, a few hundred feet wide, between the proposed filling and present edge of the lake. He wants an island built a mile off shore; to have a trolley running along it; to have bathing beaches, tennis courts, golf links and everything else to make it a playground for the people of Chicago.

"The lake is only 26 feet deep a mile off Chicago's shore line," said the mayor. "We have a wonderful natural advantage and I'm going to ask the people of Chicago to boost for this improvement. Let the government build the first big breakwater and then let us make this land behind it. This city, the second largest in the country, is without harbor protection. It is a shame. Some day this will be the greatest inland seaport in the world. These improvements will help make it so."

GAS CASE TAKEN FROM JUDGE GIBBONS' COURT

The gas litigation was lifted from the hands of aged Judge John Gibbons yesterday. This follows a complaint made by Donald Richberg, attorney for the council gas, oil and electric light committee.

Gibbons was the judge in whose hands the gas cases have been held since 1911. The city claimed the correct gas rate was 70 cents a thousand feet. Gibbons set the price at 80 cents and turned the case over to a special commissioner.

During the four years which elapsed since the start of the litigation consumers paid the gas company about \$10,000,000, which must be returned if the city wins the case.

Judge Frederick A. Smith, as chief

justice, entered the transfer order. The case will go to his court.

A-A-CHOO! 'WARE MAN WHO SNEEZES! IT'S GRIP!

This grip (formerly la grippe) business is something not to be sneezed at. This burg is full of it, how full one cannot say, but to hear the doctors tell, there are anywhere from 1 to 300,000 cases.

Sears, Roebuck & Co. report that 10 per cent of their workers have the grip. Marshall Field & Co. admits that grip is prevalent among its employes, and an inside tip, relates that the basement workers are especially heavily hit from the illness. It seems that a big portion of the State street workers suffering from grip are those who work in the so-called "bargain" basements.

"Lots of fresh air is the best preventative against grip," says Health Commissioner Robertson, and all the docs seem to agree with him.

Keep clear of the gink that tries to sneeze in your face; the universe gets most of its grip germs from the sneezing of grippers—and grip is a contagious disease.

ELECTRIFICATION STEP

Another step toward electrification of the steam lines entering the city was taken yesterday when the railway terminals committee of the council instructed the railway terminals commission to prepare plans for the abatement of the railroad smoke nuisance.

The report of the Ass'n of Commerce on electrification, which cost a half million and was paid for by the railroads, was turned over to the body to be used at its proper value.

The report of the commerce body recommended electrification, but said it was not feasible at present because the railroads were not financially able to bear cost of the change.

Some men are spendthrifts—others are spend-thrifty.