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FOX HILLS ORDERED CLOSED IN TEN DAYS

First 150 Patients Going at Once to Naval Hospital in Brooklyn.

QUICK ACTION PROMISED

Col. Forbes Holds Conferences and Uses Wire to End Fire Menace to Veterans.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., March 7.

That Fox Hills Hospital on Staten Island, New York city, is to be evacuated within ten days and the patients transferred to hospitals where they can be cared for, it was announced today by Col. Charles R. Forbes, director of the United States Veterans Bureau. This action will be taken so that the 326 patients, of whom approximately 500 are tubercular, will be assured better care and treatment than is possible at Fox Hills. Col. Forbes asserted that the hospital facilities not only are inadequate, but the structure is faulty.

According to Director Forbes, the contract for Fox Hills Hospital expires on June 30, 1922, and he has refused to renew it.

"I'll close Fox Hills Hospital if I have to get a church in which to house the sick men confined there," he declared.

Arrangements were completed by telegraph to-day for the transfer of 150 patients to the United States Naval Hospital in Brooklyn. This action was taken after a conference to-day attended by Col. Forbes, Col. R. U. Patterson, executive medical officer; Dr. M. C. Guthrie of the hospitals and inspections office; Dr. C. H. Lavinder, assistant surgeon; Dr. J. D. Long, liaison officer of the United States Public Health Service, and Dr. Payne of the Fox Hills Hospital.

"I want each Fox Hills patient asked if he would be better satisfied in a Southern climate than in New York," said Col. Forbes, "and if he will be, then he will be transferred to the South."

"The hospital situation at Fox Hills is deplorable, and this holds true in every wooden hospital in the country. With so many bedridden patients the danger from fire is increased. If they could stay out of bed when they wished the danger from flames would be less, but with nearly 500 bedridden men a fire would mean the death of almost all, and I do not intend that they shall be open to any such danger."

"There is no complaint about the medical service there. It has a splendid staff of physicians, surgeons, nurses and other workers numbering about 850. I hope the second Langley bill, providing \$15,000,000 for care of patients, will soon be passed. That will provide the funds for safe hospitalization of the sick and wounded veterans."

"There is no way in which Fox Hills could be made a safe hospital, due to its wooden construction. I will protest the erection of additions to any wooden hospitals for former soldiers."

"We have 31,000 men in our hospitals to-day. Fireproof structures should be furnished in all instances, and I will insist that they be put in such buildings."

"I hope soon to have a hospital for tubercular patients in the New York district as well as a general medical hospital. There should be facilities to care for at least 1,000 tuberculars and as many beds in the general hospital."

Col. Forbes asserted that the excellent equipment of the Fox Hills institution will be used elsewhere. The staff will be dropped from the payroll, but will be divided, and most of them will accompany the veterans now there.

The Fox Hills Hospital, which covers 200 acres and has sixty-eight wooden buildings, was opened as an army base hospital on June 1, 1918.

\$100,000 FIRE TIES UP THIRD AV. 'L' AN HOUR

Traffic on the Third avenue elevated lines in Harlem and The Bronx was delayed for more than an hour late yesterday by a four alarm fire that destroyed 75,000 bushels of wheat and oats and damaged the four story brick grain elevator of William H. Payne & Son, at 231 East 129th street. Officers of the company estimated the loss at about \$100,000.

The fire started on the second floor of the building and spread rapidly. Two alarms were turned in and then a third and fourth because of the large quantity of grain stored in the structure, the presence of large stores of flour in a nearby building and because other warehouses were threatened. The flames confined the flames to the brick elevator building, fighting the blaze from the elevated structure and the roofs of other buildings.

Convicts Get \$45,000 Bonus by Hard Work

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
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PRISONERS in the Atlanta penitentiary have earned \$45,000 since last April in bonuses for work in the cotton duck mill of the prison. Attorney-General Daugherty to-day said this fund had accumulated through his order allowing each prisoner two cents a yard on his outfit.

The money will be held to the prisoners' credit, to be turned over to them at the expiration of their terms or to those they may designate. Operation of the plant also has saved the Government \$180,000, representing the purchase of the mill's output instead of bargaining in the open market.

LANGLEY'S HEIRS PAY MISS DUPREE \$25,000

Actress Says Claim Concerns Nobody but Herself.

Miss Dupree, actress, has been paid \$25,000 by two of the children of the late William H. Langley of Belport. It was learned at Riverhead, L. I., yesterday, in satisfaction of a claim for that amount made by her against the estate. Mrs. Marjorie Langley Ryan, a daughter of Mr. Langley, protested when the claim was filed in the Surrogate's Court of Suffolk county. Papers on file at Riverhead show Mrs. Edith Langley Malone and William C. Langley, daughter and son of the testator, have met the claim and have stipulated that it should be charged against their shares of their father's estate.

Miss Dupree gave her address as 17 East Ninety-fifth street, Manhattan, when the claim was lodged. Her name was mentioned in Mr. Langley's will as "my friend" and she received a bequest of \$10,000 under the instrument. It was Mr. Langley's request that the money be paid to Miss Dupree within thirty days and free of all taxes. The papers indicate this request was carried out to the letter, but nothing could be found explaining the \$25,000 claim of Miss Dupree, save that it had been settled and paid against Mrs. Malone and Mr. Langley.

The testator lived at the Ninety-fifth street address at the time of his death. His estate included the proceeds of the sale of grounds to the Government in Brooklyn for the site of the army base. Miss Dupree, who is playing in "Your Woman and Mine" at the Klaw Theater, refused to discuss the \$25,000 payment last night. She said it was a personal matter with which none but she should have any concern.

EYESIGHT OF 800,000 EXAMINED IN SCHOOLS

Defective Pupils to Go to the Clinic.

The vision of between 800,000 and 1,000,000 public school children in New York city was examined yesterday under the direction of Dr. A. K. Aldinger, head of the bureau of physical training of the Department of Education. The actual examinations were conducted by the teachers instructed by physicians and nurses of the Board of Health. Every child whose eyesight needs correction will get a card to an eye clinic, where glasses will be fitted if required.

WOMAN ARRESTS LAWYER.

Mrs. Mary Lawson of 111 East 126th street, was in a taxi cab in 125th street yesterday when she saw Jacob Mackey, lawyer, of 28 North Twenty-eighth street, Flushing, who, she alleges, owes her and her family \$900 from her mother's estate. She jumped out, seized Mackey and called on a policeman.

In Washington Heights court Mackey was held in \$1,000 bail for examination Tuesday on a charge of grand larceny.

PROTEST SCRAPPING OF LINE.

The Smith Street Merchants Association held a meeting yesterday afternoon in Saengerbund Hall, in Brooklyn, to protest against the recent suggestion of the Transit Commission that the Smith street trolley line of the B. R. T. be scrapped.

The association decided to use every means possible to prevent discontinuance of the cars, and will circulate 70,000 petitions to be forwarded to Gov. Miller.

FARMER DIES IN FIRE.

The body of Henry Myers, aged 88, was found yesterday in the ruins of his farmhouse, on the Amboy road, near the town of Annadale, in the Westfield section of Staten Island. The house had been burned down during the night. The fire started about 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The old man had been alone for a week during the absence of his son Conrad.

CARS ARE PACKED TO CUT EXPENSES

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Second avenue elevated the figures showed only fifty-eight straphangers when all seats were preempted in the rush hour. At the same time on the local trains there were twenty-eight.

Brooklyn elevated and subway lines next under the microscope. They are operated by Lindley M. Garrison, receiver for the New York Consolidated Railroad Company. It appeared that the new Brighton subway line in its rush hour carries 1,344 more passengers than were run over the old Brighton line in 1916 and twenty-four more cars. It has 3,520 more seats, but 8,380 more passengers to scramble for them and the loading has increased by 27 per cent. There now are as many passengers standing as sitting.

In its minimum midday service the Brighton line carries 1,344 more passengers than in 1916. Its percentage of loading has increased 68, but it operates only the same number of cars, though with 480 more seats, as the cars now used are of greater capacity.

This exhibit caused Commissioner Harkness to say: "That shows, does it not, Mr. Turner, that although through city construction work modern subways were substituted for the old elevated operation with ample capacity, still the companies are not using that capacity?"

"That is so," replied Mr. Turner.

80 Stand While 100 Sit.

The Myrtle avenue elevated showed in rush hour eighty standing to every 100 seated. Only twelve trains are operated in the hour, on a five minute headway. More could easily be operated, the engineer said. On the Lexington avenue elevated there were like conditions—184 per cent. loads with only ten trains running in the hour on a six minute headway.

"Additional trains can be provided on that line without question," the witness said.

Mr. Turner did not believe the rush hour capacity of the Broadway (Brooklyn Eastern line), said Commissioner Harkness. "It will take that big Brownsville district and probably draw off a great part of that traffic. That would relieve this line materially."

"What stands in the way of finishing that?" asked Judge Shearn.

"The chief difficulty, as I understand it, is to get the contracts through the Board of Estimate," said Mr. Turner. "The contracts have been before the Board of Estimate for a considerable time."

The Sea Beach subway line during the rush hour maximum has now five less trains, twenty-six less cars, 1,900 fewer seats, and 1,830 more passengers, with the loading 88 per cent. greater, than in 1916. There is now a 220 loading percentage, or an overload of 120 per cent.

Judge Shearn suggested that the commission should have the receiver, Mr. Garrison, stand in an early session. "It would seem as though," he said, "no long drawn out proceedings ought to be necessary to bring about improvement in the service."

Mr. Turner testified that he had discussed eleven lines and twenty-two service hours in this series. If the commission's avowed new standards of operation were applied to them, he said, there would be effected seventeen betterments of service out of the twenty-two service hours of maximum and minimum traffic covered.

On the surface lines of Manhattan, Brooklyn, The Bronx, Queens and Richmond it was found that in many instances increases in straphangers had been the result of a deliberate policy of retrenchment. The examiner found one notable exception in the Flatbush avenue line, whose rush hour loading is only 103 per cent.

Chances for Betterments.

Summarizing his conclusions on the 102 service lines in the five boroughs Mr. Turner said that if the principles mandated by the commission on Monday were to be applied, the result would be ninety increases or betterments in the ninety corresponding service hours out of a total of 206 service hours studied.

Before the public hearing the Transit Commission adopted the orders directing the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, the New York Consolidated Railroad Company and the New York Municipal Railway Corporation—the two latter being B. R. T. operating subsidiaries—to appear before the commission on March 15 at 10:30 A. M., when the commission will institute proceedings to determine whether the "regulations, practices, equipment, appliances or service" of these companies "are unjust, unreasonable, unsafe, improper or inadequate."

Receiver Garrison also is named as a party in the order directed to the Brooklyn companies.

LORD LEE DENIES DRINK HAS AMERICA'S YOUTH IN ITS GRIP

Calls Mrs. Asquith's Remark That Drunkenness Is Prevalent Among Young of Both Sexes "as Ludicrous as It Is Cruel and Untrue."

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The remarks of Mrs. Margot Asquith about drunkenness among the young people of America were stanchly refuted by Lord Lee of Fareham, First Lord of the Admiralty and one of the British delegates to the Washington conference, speaking to the English Speaking Union. "If it is true," said Lord Lee, "which I can scarcely believe it to be, that that distinguished country woman of ours has expressed the opinion that in America, putting it bluntly, drunkenness is prevalent among the young people of both sexes, all I can say, based on observation in the United States extending over thirty years, is that it is as ludicrous as it is cruel and untrue."

His statement was greeted with cheers. In referring to the hospitality extended to the British delegates while in America Lord Lee said that he had attended sixty-eight dinners, and at only five of them were there any conspicuous signs that there has been a cataclysmic revolution in social usages.

"The greatest honor in his life" was the way in which he described his participation at the Washington conference, whose results, he said, could not be repudiated by any of the nations which took part, particularly by America, as the conference was "initiated by America, held in America and guided by America," and therefore wrought as great benefit for that country as for any other.

He pointed out that Great Britain for the first time in centuries had acknowledged the naval equality of another nation, but inasmuch as that nation was America such equality was welcome, as in the future if the American fleet fights not with the British fleet, certainly never would it fight against the British.

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