

NOW LET'S GET TOGETHER ON THIS QUARANTINE AND BE FAIR; MAKE NO ENEMIES

There is every indication that the present quarantine is going to prove effective. It is being splendidly enforced and the people realize that really and truly the quarantine this time is real business with no fobbing, no favorites and no intentional laxity on the part of any official. The difference of opinion in regard to maintaining the schools in operation, must be settled by the concrete results obtained and the school board, whose power in this case is absolute, being composed of directors who largely favor, and sincerely too, the schools remaining open. So they will probably remain in operation from now on. The parents may send their children or keep them at home as they see fit. There will be no prosecutions for infraction of the compulsory education laws, under the present conditions, authorities agree. The majority of the 30 per cent of children and young folks now attending school have had the influenza in various stages of violence, most of them lightly.

There is one thing that the people must not permit to continue and that is this strained feeling, caused by the epidemic gossip and enforcement of the quarantine. The Press receives waste baskets full of advice every day on how to run the paper and baskets of advice and plenty of commendation too, and because The Press has seen it as its duty to give the public as nearly as possible the truly alarming conditions that have been prevailing here, without fear nor favor, there are those who accuse The Press of deliberately lying, there are those who accuse The Press of painting the situation with a happy face and in making the only misstatement, and there are those who are beginning to feel so bitterly about the matter that they are beginning to show it in their proceedings, their looks and their manners.

The Press has taken the stand it has, knowing that the displeasure of many would be heaped upon it. Knowing that the people were divided and knowing that its logical position was such that either side would be quite wrong and right. Hence in a time when agreement is necessary would be

craven, cowardly, criminal and for a paper to try to make the people feel there is little danger, when there is grave danger stalking about the city with its bleak bones rattling and knocking on many a doorstep, is, in the opinion of The Press nothing but an uncourageous attitude, perhaps to further some selfish end, who knows? The Press has made mistakes, all people, all firms, all corporations, all governments do, but The Press at heart has the interests of this community first and realizes that while it may lose many friends and much business by taking a definite stand and handling this critical situation without gloves, without soothing syrup methods, it intends to stand for humanity, for the people as a 100 per cent whole, not representing a small clique or circle and endeavors so far as possible to serve the needs and demands of the majority.

But, whatever we do, let's all remain friendly and douse this heated strife in a bucket of ice-cold water and all pull for the shore of a quarantineless, healthy, plague rid community. Let's observe this quarantine to the very letter. Let's be pleasant when it is hard to obey the mandates. Let's not discuss the differences of opinion unless we feel that we absolutely cannot get along without doing so and that our opinions are helpful, not critical. Let's try to be calm, level headed and not try to think the other fellow is shaking a skull and cross bones in your face to scare you nor on the other hand, scratching dirt to cover up the real conditions. Let's go right along about our business, report no reports unless we know them to be true and the first thing we know, things will be normal and we will be having sports and peaceful times again.

Perhaps the city has made a mistake or several, perhaps The Press has made a mistake or several, perhaps even some of the big brains of the community have made a mistake, even several. Let's forget it, do every single thing we can to keep our bodies, our lives and be nice and collected, also careful and let's see that no one's eye is neglected and