Allentown Takes Steps to Nip Influenza

City Council met in special session Saturday morning to take steps to prevent an outbreak of Spanish influenza in this section. An ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading amending the city health laws to make influenza a reportable disease. The passage of this amendment will give the health authorities the right to placard and quarantine cases should it be deemed necessary to do so.

Allentown has the distinction of being the first city in Pennsylvania to take such action, Health Officer J. Treichler Butz told Council. It was the Allentown officials who arranged a meeting to be held in Bethlehem to discuss plans to forestall a possible epidemic here.