QUARANTINE IN ALLENTOWN
IN EFFECT AT MIDNIGHT

Action Taken by City Council Yesterday,
Sitting as Health Board—Local Operation
of State Ruling

At midnight tonight the new state
regulation will go into effect in Allentown
closing all public places of
amusement and saloons to prevent
the spread of Spanish Influenza. The
order of the state health authorities
was considered yesterday morning by
City Council, which is the Board
of Health for Allentown. Its action is
officially summarized in another
column, which will be the only notification
to those affected.

The following resolutions summarize
the action taken at the meeting:

WHEREAS, City Council is fully
convinced that the colds with which
some of our people are affected are
largely attributable to damp houses
due to the desire to conserve coal,
and that if people would take the
opposite step—heat their houses
where colds existed and promptly consult
a doctor, more serious trouble
would be avoided,

Therefore, Be It Resolved
BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ALLENTOWN, That we call upon our
people to protect their health by heating
their homes properly and to call
upon doctors promptly upon the first
sign of any unusual cold.

NOTE: City Council is not in a
position at this time to guarantee a full
supply of fuel but the citizens must
pursue every effort on their own
part with the Fuel Administration to
see that an ample supply is provided
during the winter.

Resolved by the Council of the City
of Allentown, Pa., that Mr. D. D.
Strauss, Supt. Dept. Accounts &
Finance (Div. Health) and Dr. J.
Trubler Butz, Health Officer, publish for
three insertions in the five daily newspapers
of the city, the order upon
quarantine received from the Acting
Commissioner of Health of the State
of Pennsylvania.

Whereas, complaint is made to City
Council that owners of apartment
houses are neglecting and in some
instances refusing to install heat, giving
various excuses such as: the War
and

orders of the Fuel Administrator, etc.,

Therefore Be It Resolved,
That Council, through the Dept. of
Public Affairs, promptly have such
complaint investigated and report
same to Council where said
department cannot have the remedy applied
at once.

One resolution reads: "That Coun-
elman Strauss, acting for Council, to-
gather with the Health Officer, pre-
pare a list, naming the places affected,
so far as is within their power
and is feasible and practical, and to
define what meetings are intended to
be covered by the quarantine order
from Harrisburg, and report same to
Council that action may be taken
relative to the closing order."

Another resolution reads as follows:
"That Council, as the Health Board,
under present conditions does not see
the necessity of closing public and pri-
ivate schools, Sunday Schools or
churches, but will await recommenda-
tions relative to this from the
Health Bureau before taking action."

The question of closing churches
and schools was left to the discretion
of the health authorities by the State
Health Department in the order issued
last night.

Mayor Reichenbach was strong in
his denunciation of the order, calling
it the work of the Bethlehem Steel
Company officials, one of whom re-
cently made a proposition that he,
with the mayors of Easton and Bet-
lehem agree to close all places under
their Jurisdiction to prevent the spread
of the disease, and which he refused
to do, as he said, it was a matter for
council to decide and not he alone.
The matter was then taken to Harris-
burg, according to Mr. Reichenbach,
with the present result.

In his denunciation of the action the
mayor stated "that Bethlehem was
filthy and dirty, and that a wagon load
of refuse could be secured from three
blocks of the highways and that the
streets were covered with thick layers
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