

MAYOR BABCOCK'S PROCLAMATION REGARDING LIFTING OF BAN HERE

As Mayor of one of the foremost cities of our country, bending every effort in its support of the United States government, in its supply of munitions and war material, and having at heart the welfare and common good of our people, I am constrained to advise the director of public health of our city to interpose no objections to the return of our people to normal conditions, effective Sunday, November 3, at 5 a. m.

I do not take issue with the state health department, but I do reserve the right to a knowledge, born of personal contact with the situation, in the possession of which it is not, or apparently has ignored, and from which knowledge, I draw my conclusions.

Our darkened streets and deserted assembling places by reason of this ban has thrown over the community a depression and a pall that seriously retards the recovery to normal conditions of health, business and recreation, and can but enhance further dangers from the affliction through which we have passed.

Our very efficiently organized and officered Department of Public Health of our city, in the event circumstances may require, will not hesitate for a minute to issue closing orders, and if necessary of more drastic effect than those issued by the state department of health.

Therefore, under the conditions as they now are in our city, and as no one knows better than I, I feel justified in heartily supporting and indorsing the general and universal opinion that the time has arrived for the resumption of our accustomed devotions, the opening of our schools and amusements and all our various channels of business.