

ALL THEATERS AGREE TO OBEY INFLUENZA BAN

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reported in the county up to noon yesterday, according to Dr. Karl Schaff, who is representing Dr. Royer in the fight against influenza

here, was 59,380, with 685 cases being reported yesterday.

L. B. Wickerham and A. J. Bohll, investigators for the state health authorities, yesterday made informations against the managers of 25 motion picture houses and theaters and two saloonkeepers in Pittsburgh, charging them with violating the health act of Assembly of 1905. The informations were made before Alderman George S. Wilson, 122 South Sheridan avenue, East End.

Constables George T. Andrews and Henry Zusschmidt served warrants on 13 of the 25 theater managers yesterday afternoon. They were released on \$500 bail for a hearing tomorrow morning between 9 and 10 o'clock.

The names of the 13 theater managers who were released on bail were not mentioned in the informations. Only the names of the theaters were given. The 12 other informations against theater managers and one information against a saloonkeeper were made at 3 o'clock last evening.

Informations Made.

The theaters named in the first 13 informations were the Lomograph, 347 Fifth avenue; Victoria, Liberty avenue; Minerva, 319 Fifth avenue; Arcadium, Fifth avenue; Gayety, 201 Sixth street; Harris, Diamond street; Verdi, Wylie avenue and High street; Cameraphone, 6202 Penn avenue; Alhambra, 6113 Penn avenue; Rex, Fifth avenue; Liberty, East Liberty; Hebert, East Liberty; and Columbia, Fifth avenue.

The names of the 12 other theater managers against whom informations were made at 3 o'clock last evening follow: Lyric Theater, Fifth avenue; William Alekopydy, manager; Aivis, Sixth street; John H. Reynolds, Tenth, Sixth street; Charles Hickman, Grand, Fifth avenue; W. Cassel, Century Family, East Ohio street, North Side; George Schweitzer, Academy, Liberty avenue; George Jaffe, Davis, Smithfield street; George H. Schrader, Crescent, Frankstown avenue, East Liberty; Clarence Fleming, Crystal, Smithfield street; A. C. Thomas, Kenyon, Federal street, North Side; John Lamarr, Elite, Federal street, North Side; F. Bank and William Penn Theater, Federal street, North Side; J. P. Goring.

Against Two Liquor Dealers. Informations were made against two liquor dealers, William F. Hamm, proprietor of the restaurant in the Jenkins Arcade, and Budd Bruff, proprietor of the Bank Cafe, 603 Liberty avenue. The same charges as those against the theatrical managers were made against the two liquor dealers. Mr. Hammel was released on \$500 bail and will have a hearing tomorrow morning.

The warrant on Mr. Bruff had not been served late last night.

Alderman Wilson stated that a date for the hearings in the case of Mr. Bruff and the 12 theater managers against whom informations were made last evening will be announced later.

Last night there was some expectation that all the informations might be withdrawn after the contest over the enforcement of the closing edict was amicably adjusted.

State Aims Accomplished.

Mr. McVicar would not state definitely last night whether the prosecution of the ban violators would be dropped, but stated that as the prosecutions were commenced only to enforce the closing order, and as that end has been attained, the State Department of Health probably will be

Managers Ratify Promise Made by Their Counsel to Close Houses Today.

SOME PROSECUTED

All theatrical and motion picture houses in Pittsburgh will be closed today and will remain closed until Dr. B. Franklin Royer, acting State Health Commissioner, lifts the influenza ban in this city.

This action was decided upon at a meeting of the Theatrical Managers Association and the Motion Picture Interests, following a conference held between Attorney Nelson McVicar, representing Dr. Royer, and Attorneys Clarence Burleigh and W. J. Brennan for the amusement houses. While no promise was made, it was understood that prosecution of the managers of amusement houses under informations of misdemeanor made yesterday will be dropped.

The organized opposition to the ban, which as crystallized by Mayor E. W. Babcock's proclamation, withdrawing the city's aid in enforcing the closing order, thus practically ended. Few of the saloon keepers reported Monday and the prosecutions of these violators of the ban, Mr. McVicar stated, will be pushed.

Many Cases in County.

Mayor Babcock had no further comment to make on the situation, but officials of the city Department of Health were encouraged by the fact that so far the reported cases of influenza approximate but three per cent of the city's population, instead of the 15 per cent anticipated. The cases for the 24-hour period ending at 4 p. m. yesterday showed a slight increase, 451 new sufferers from influenza being reported, bringing the total to 17,942. There were 81 new cases of pneumonia, making the total 1,641.

There were 123 deaths reported, of which 42 were from pneumonia, 84 from influenza and seven from influenza and pneumonia.

The total number of influenza cases