FIGHT BEGINS ON INFLUENZA BAN VIOLATORS

Authorities File 18 Informations Against Playhouse Men and Liquor Dealers.

THEATERS REMAIN OPEN.

Decision to Continue Performances Announced After Conferences of Owners.

The fight between the state health department and alleged violators of the state influenza closing rule in Pittsburgh began in earnest today.

Eighteen informations were filed yesterday, by Assistant Attorney General George S. Wilson, legal representative of Dr. B. Franklin Roey, acting state health commissioner, with Alderman George S. Wilson, of Indian avenue, this morning, charging violations of the state law in the case of 18 Pittsburgh theater managers of liquor dealers in opening places of business and refusal to keep their doors locked for the official list.

The informations were prepared by S. Nelson McVea, local counsel for the state department of health.

MANAGERS DEFIANT.

The managers, responding by their attorneys, stated that they would continue their performances.

The decision of the state closing the theater, the United States public health service, and the order forbidding the sale of alcoholic beverages until the epidemic conditions are much better than at present and until the state authorities of health of Pennsylvania and representatives of the federal health service.

With 14 war industries in Pittsburgh and the metropolitan district, about it, it is imperative to enforce the law, and the enforcement of the law is essential to the national health service.

The informations made today are based upon data gathered by special investigators brought here from various places and directed by the state health department.

FORMAL WARNING.

To each of the latter, there was delivered the morning of yesterday a letter prepared by special investigators brought here from various places and directed by the state health department to each of the latter.

NOTICE.

To all public places of entertainment, theaters, moving picture establishments, saloons, dance halls, breweries and distilleries.

You are hereby notified that the order of the state health department closing the emergency order influenza closing rule for the 19-hour period ending at 9 o'clock this morning. This is far more serious than the event for which the state department of health has been ordered to be destroyed and the paramount order continues in force.

The orders of the Department of Health.

By B. Franklin Roey, McVea, Haslet & Gardner, Attorneys.