

# THEATERS QUIT FIGHT AGAINST STATE OFFICIAL

## Filing of More Informations Causes Decision to Close Until Ban Is Lifted.

### SALOONS OBEYING ORDER.

Every bar, theater and motion picture house in Pittsburgh is closed again today.

The state influenza ban settled down over the city after the theatrical performances and film shows of last night. It will remain in force until the state department of health rescinds the closing order. This will be done Saturday, unless epidemic conditions in Pittsburgh and vicinity show necessity for its protraction.

That such a development is improbable is shown by a decrease of 77 cases of influenza, 24 cases of pneumonia, and five deaths, on today's epidemic report from the city bureau of health for the 24-hour period ended at 12 o'clock this morning, as compared with the report of yesterday for a like period.

The city report shows 11 new cases of influenza, 20 new cases of pneumonia, 13 deaths from pneumonia, 41 from influenza-pneumonia and eight from influenza. The total number of influenza cases reported to date is 1114 and of pneumonia cases 1421.

### WON BY PROSECUTIONS.

The victory of Dr. R. Franklin Royer, acting state commissioner of health, in forcing the observance of the closing rule in Pittsburgh was achieved through the filing of 12 informations, charging duressment in violating the rule, against theater managers, two against saloon keepers and one against a dancing academy. These informations were filed yesterday by Dr. Royer's special legal representative in Pittsburgh, Attorney E. O. Zoely, with Assistant George A. Wilkins.

Defendants under these informations were released under \$200 bail to appear for hearings between 9 and 12 o'clock tomorrow morning. The attitude of the state toward the prosecutions is expected to be modified by the complete observance of the closing ban in Pittsburgh today.

Following the filing of the second batch of informations, late yesterday afternoon, a conference of the Theatrical Managers' Association, an organization representing the theater and motion picture proprietors of the city, was held and announcement was subsequently made that after the performances of last night the theaters and motion picture houses would remain closed until the state lifted the ban.

### STATEMENT FOR THEATERS.

Eugene L. Connelley, secretary of the association, issued the following statement today:

At a conference held yesterday afternoon the Theatrical Managers' Association of Pittsburgh and the Motion Picture Interests jointly decided to close all places of amusement in the city at the conclusion of last evening's performance, pending the adjustment of the controversy between the state commissioner of health and the city authorities.

So far as I know, every theater and motion picture house in the city has complied with the action of the Managers' Association.

The liquor was procured yesterday by William F. Hammett of the Jenkins Arcade and Judd H. Bruff of the Bank Cafe.

The theaters and movie parlors against whom informations were made yesterday were: Alvin, Grand, Davis, Victoria, Gayety, Academy, Harris, Crescent, Franklins Avenue, Crystals, Smithfield street, Lyric, Fifth Avenue, Century Family Theater, Ohio street, White, Federal street, William Penn Theater, Temple Theater, Cameraphone, Fifth Avenue, Minerva, Fifth Avenue, Arcadium, Fifth Avenue, Verdi, Wylie Avenue, Cameraphone, Penn Avenue, East Liberty, Alhambra, Penn Avenue, East Liberty, Rex, East Liberty, Liberty Theater, East Liberty, Regent, East Liberty, Columbia, Fish Avenue, and Kenyon.

Information was also made against the dancing academy of W. H. Bruchler, Federal street.