

STATE QUARANTINE ON TIGHT TO GUARD AGAINST INFLUENZA

Allentown Joins With Rest of Pennsylvania in Observance of Cloture Regulations

Beginning with this morning, the state health department's closing order to prevent the spread of Spanish influenza will be rigidly enforced in this city so far as theatre, lodge meetings, club bars and saloons are concerned. These places closed at midnight Saturday night with instructions from the local health department not to reopen until further notice.

This city was the only municipality at least in this part of the state that did not immediately comply with the order from the state board of health when it was issued last Thursday night. The Lyric and Orpheum theatres and the Strand moving picture theatre closed immediately, not awaiting instruction from the health board. The other movie houses remained open. So did the saloons. With the legitimate houses closed the movies did a tremendous business on Saturday.

Bethlehem is closed up tight. All places where liquor could be obtained, ice cream parlors and other places of like nature where men congregate were closed immediately Friday morning. However the orders were taken with poor grace in many quarters. Ice cream dealers for instance, stood to lose thousands of gallons of ice cream, and on Saturday they were permitted to open to dispose of their present stock to family trade only. No cream was served to persons in the place, but it could be bought and carried away and eaten.

Wholesale liquor dealers of the Bethlehems got together Saturday afternoon and opened their places. They sold their goods by the quarts, thru the windows and they did a big business. It was the biggest day they have had in many moons.

The order has not yet affected the churches in the Bethlehems. However, several of the clergy made reference to the order from the pulpit yesterday and indicated by their remarks, the feeling there is against the ruling.

The Bethlehem police evidently have instructions to carry out the order to the letter, as two raids on Coffee Houses on East Third street were made yesterday. All the occupants were placed under arrest on charges of violating the health board's order. The raids were made at eleven o'clock. At twelve the men caught were arraigned before Alderman Devlin and each of them fined ten dollars and the costs amounting to \$2.50, a total of \$12.50 per man. At No. 423 Third street, a place conducted by Jim Sator, a Greek, Sator and eight others were arrested. At No. 523 Third street, twenty-five men were arrested but the proprietor of this place, also a Greek, got away. A warrant was issued by Alderman Devlin for his arrest. The raids were made under the direction of Captain Davies, aided by Detective Switzer and Officers Frankenfeld, E. Gallagher and O'Hearn.

Churches, schools and ice cream parlors in this city have not yet been ordered to close. All the ice cream saloons were open yesterday and doing a flourishing business.

All trolley cars have been ordered to be cleaned twice daily and to have the windows open wide. An official of the Lehigh Valley Transit company suggested that summer cars might be pressed into service to carry the steel workers to and from Bethlehem, it being pointed out that closed cars, where the men are packed in close quarters, are the worst breeding places of diseases.