

QUARANTINE ORDERS IN FULL EFFECT IN ALLENTOWN

Places Where Men Were Wont to Gather Closed and Kept Closed Agreeable to State Order

That the delay of the authorities of the city of Allentown in ordering the quarantine against influenza in this city until Saturday night has met with disapproval in Harrisburg and that state police are to be sent to this city to investigate the matter, was the big sensation yesterday in this city in connection with the influenza situation.

All over the state the order was put into effect on Friday morning, according to reports. Allentown however, through council which is the board of health, did not order the quarantine to go into effect until midnight, Saturday. As a consequence the places affected by the state order, were enabled to do two days' business in excess of that possible for such businesses in other cities.

In city official circles there was a good deal of indignation at this act of the state health department, as reported by telegraph from Harrisburg. As the order from the state health department directed that the order be put into operation by the local authorities in all districts it is held that the city was within its rights in determining when it should be put into effect.

Quarantine Felt Severely.

Yesterday was the first day on which the full effects of the quarantine were felt. The last two days of last week were marked by the closing of the theatres but the saloons and pool rooms remained open. Yesterday morning the wholesale liquor establishments were doing business, although not a retail house was reported business. When this fact was reported to the mayor and city council action was immediately taken and the health officer directed to have these places closed. The order was sent out and by noon all had closed.

Thirsty Ones Got Supplies.

Up to that time however many of the thirsty ones and those who were provided for their future thirsts and appetites, had laid in a goodly supply of wet goods in packages.

Streets Deserted Last Night.

Last evening the full effect of the quarantine was noticeable. The streets of this city were comparatively deserted. The moving picture and other theatres were dark, and the crowd that assembled on the Square for the Liberty Loan meeting was small. It was a crowd too that took care not to become crowded. It spread out just as much as it could. The man who coughed or sneezed was shunned or looked at with reproach. The looks of those near him indicated that his departure would be welcomed.

With no place to go to, the number of automobiles on the streets was very small. People remained home, for the theatres being closed, there was little reason to be out.

Effect on Travel.

The trolley cars felt the quarantine as well. Traffic from out of town points was practically nothing.

The clubs were practically deserted. It was an odd sight to visit them and see their habitués drinking water or soft drinks, instead of having before them steins and ponies.

A Taste of "Bone Dry."

Only those saloons which have lunch bars were open. The others were dark and the town and county in fact got a taste of "bone-dry" conditions.

53 Cases Reported.

Judging by reports coming from other parts of the state, Allentown is in better shape than any other city. Although 53 cases of influenza were reported since Saturday, there is a total of only 135 cases of the malady in Allentown, as compared with thousands in many other cities. Since last Monday there have been five deaths of pneumonia, several of which were from other places, and one was due to a weak heart and not

Dr. J. Treichler Butz, the health officer, urges the people doubly to observe precautions against catching colds, and Mayor Reichenbach, who is not at all alarmed, urges people to build fires in their houses and keep reasonably warm. If they are short of coal or can not get any, he wants to know.

Dr. Royer, acting State Health Commissioner, recommends open air or at least open window treatment of pneumonia, as the experience in Massachusetts is that more recover in tents than in houses and hospitals.

City Council's Note to Public.

City Council, acting as the Board of Health, authorized the publication of the following notice to the public:

"That all wholesale liquor dealers and bottlers shall discontinue the sale, delivery and serving of liquors for the period during which the hotel bars and saloons are closed."

The same order by Council repeats, the decision that all bars in fraternal organizations and social clubs must be closed during the same period.

Meetings of every description are prohibited by Council's latest order.

Want Points of Contact Closed.

Persons who are suffering in a business way as a result of the quarantine are intensely interested in having the edict rescinded as quickly as possible. They say that if the epidemic can be stamped out by closing points of contact, the health authorities should take immediate steps to close every point of contact in order that the order can be revoked.

Theatre Owners' Position.

Theatre owners insist that their business has been regarded as essential by the government; that it is one of the biggest factors in spreading Liberty Loan information, and is a great source of revenue, in addition to being a big factor in upholding the morale of the people at home in these war times.

One Violation Reported.

One violation of the state and city order was reported yesterday by the police. It was that of I. Kartowich, of No. 411 Tilghman street, who kept his poolroom open. Officer Harsch made the report which goes to the health board for action today.

PROBE RENT PROFITEERING IN ALLENTOWN.

The committee named by City Council and civic organizations to consider the rent-profiteering question in this city and handle complaints met last evening and discussed the general principles upon which the body is to act and decided to adopt the procedure recommended by the Federal authorities in these matters.

This procedure in general provides that where complaints are made landlords and tenants are to be invited to meet with the committee. Where the complaint is found to be unjust, the case is to be dismissed. Where the complaint is found justified, effort is to be made to have adjustment made at once. Where such adjustment is not agreed to by the landlord, the case is to be published.

In attendance were Councilman R. J. Wheeler, who acted as chairman, John A. Rupp, secretary, Harry Buterweck, Clarence Moser and Fred Dorward.

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