

QUARANTINE BAN CONTINUES INDEFINITELY

City Council Appeals in Vain
to Dr. Royer for Relief.
Statistics.

City Council, after a lively session yesterday morning, refused to follow the suggestion of representatives of the amusement and liquor interests of the city that the quarantine for influenza should be lifted here, in spite of the state order, but sent a committee to Harrisburg instead to interview Dr. Royer, the acting commissioner of health, in an effort to have a date fixed for the withdrawal of the quarantine or to have it modified. They failed in this for, while being courteously received, Dr. Royer pointed out that the reports from this city and vicinity of new cases and especially of deaths is very far from satisfactory and that the quarantine cannot be lifted in the interest of the public health, nor can a time be fixed under the conditions for the removal of the ban.

Councilman Allen, who declared that the quarantine is "only a scheme of the doctors," introduced a resolution to remove the quarantine and defy the state authorities but could not get a signer to it.

Councilman Kohler, who had been opposed to the quarantine in the beginning, refused to take a positive stand in defiance of the state as did Councilman Wheeler.

When it was declared by liquor interests that orders were being taken in this city by Philadelphia dealers for booze to be delivered after Philadelphia lifts its quarantine today, Councilman Wheeler suggested that Dr. Butz would be glad to receive such information. However none was forthcoming and the members of council then plainly stated that if the liquor interests were not willing to take this step for their own protection they could not expect council to do anything either.

Health Officer Butz made a comprehensive report on the influenza situation showing that over three thousand cases have been reported this month and that there are still 936 active cases. Dr. Butz expressed the opinion that only about 75 per cent of the cases are being reported. There have been over two hundred deaths during the month compared with 81 last October. There have been 476 cases and 33 deaths in the Sixth ward alone.

When report was made that extortionate prices are being charged by druggists for whiskey on prescription Councilman Wheeler suggested an investigation.

Councilman Allen delivered a tirade against Dr. Royer for not having replied to the telegram sent by council relative to the quarantine. The fact was that at the time the answer was on the desk of City Clerk Schmidt. However he was sick at home and did not serve at the meeting and so nothing was learned of the reply which said: "I regret to state that conditions in Allentown are not improving so rapidly as desirable. The number of new cases reported daily is great, as is also the number of deaths. Until conditions improve considerably it will be impossible to even to discuss the date when the closing ban can be lifted. I appreciate the financial losses which business is incurring and assure you that it will be my pleasure to lift the quarantine as soon as it is in the interest of public health."

Had this telegram been read it is likely that council would not have decided on sending a committee to Harrisburg. However Councilmen Strauss, Kohler and Allen left at noon yesterday by automobile, filled an appointment with Dr. Royer, received the same answer and got home at an early hour this morning.

IN INFLUENZA ZONE

Number of Discharged Cases
Greater by One Than
Newly Reported Cases.

In an effort to halt the tremendous strides by the influenza epidemic in the Sixth ward, as indicated by reports during the last few days, Health Officer Butz yesterday started an inspection of all homes in that section from which cases have been reported. The inspection is being made with respect to the housing and sanitary conditions. Up to last night all the homes examined had been found in good condition. However instructions are left in all as to the care of patients and precautionary measures to be taken. Doctor Butz is also having a very valuable pamphlet on the disease translated into Italian, Yiddish and Slavish and copies will be placed in all homes in that and other foreign settlements in the city.

Outside of the inspection the liming of all streets that are filthy was begun. Alherman Thomas B. McFadden reported to the board that the condition of some of the streets was certainly disease breeding and with his cooperation the Board of Health went to work on the job. Lime is also being urged for use in homes as a disinfectant.

In the inspection of the homes much is being learned of the habits and movements of the patients who have influenza. Quite a few of them go to work. While still very sick. One doctor yesterday reported a case that he was treating. The patient had been very sick, but when he got to the house yesterday no one was at home. However in a few moments, it being noontime, the patient, pale and weak, returned from her employment in a cigar factory. Effort will be made to prevent contact of cases with persons who are well.

In general throughout the city there was a continued rise in the flood of cases, there being 192 reported yesterday which was higher than for a number of days. There were 193 reported discharged as cured.

Physicians expect still further rise in the curve, for the weather has been of a nature calculated to promote the spread of the disease, so that the next few days may see considerable increase over the figures of yesterday.

Among those reported ill yesterday are: Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Christman, No. 549 North Fifth street; Mrs. H. Sofransey, Mrs. Samuel B. Weyland, No. 712 North Twelfth street; Mrs. Mary Schock, No. 526 Whitehall St.; Mrs. Roy Ebert and children Clifford and Gertrude, of Kratzer's.

From the family of Robert Handelson, No. 1724 Tilghman street, five cases were reported; three from the family of Ray Moser, of No. 1103 South Eighth; six from the family of Frederick Troyer, No. 532 North Front street; three from the family of Mrs. Jennie Ratter, 1325 Lehigh; three more from the family of George Honchen, 925 North Penn, and two more from the following families: Henry Schuel, 940 North; Irwin B. Boyer, 614 North; Peplar, Stephen Pinchok, 747 Railroad; Harry Blum, 514 Grant; Eugene C. Bleam, 247 North Tenth; Fred. Christman, Fifth and Allen streets; Jerry Geary, 721 Cedar; Joseph Hanayak, 747 Railroad; Lawrence Laskowski, 126 N. College.

Five cases have been reported in the family of Francisco Sophansky, of No. 153 Bridge street; three in the family of Daniel Bradley, of No. 230 North Third; four in the family of Henry Netzer, 710 Mohr.

Two cases were reported in the families of Charles Beller, 1105 Hamilton; Peter G. Schifert, 510 Linden street; A. Osvald Phillips, 331 North Thirteenth; John A. Sparr, 618 N. Eleventh; George Honchen, 925 N. Penn; William C. Heydt, 520 Mohr; Christian Deeking, 136 Turner; Steve Duga, 523 Wire; Charles Gross, 1813 Liberty; Harvey F. Bleam, 430 N. Tenth; Joseph Reser, 952 North; Mrs. Ella Wodling, 125 S. Eighth; William J. Rehnauer, 37 South Sixth; William Miller, 639 North Fourth; Stephen E. Richard, 540 Whitehall; Edwin J. Chapman, 227 North Twelfth.

Eight cases were reported from the family of Stephen Orba, 15 Liberty St.

Three cases were reported in the families of Stanley Becker, 605 1/2 N. Sixteenth street; Mrs. Lizzie Rader, 723 Gordon; George Oll, 141 Furnace.

Four cases have been reported in the family of Frank D. Ginn, 540 Union street.

Parties Are Forbidden.

Health Officer J. Treichler Butz has reiterated a previous statement that Halloween parties are forbidden by the State Health Department quarantine order. Numerous requests have been received by the health authorities for permission to hold parties but all have been refused.

LIQUOR DEALERS TEST QUARANTINE RULING

(By Associated Press.)

Williamsport, Pa., Oct. 29.—The local liquor dealers' association began today to test the right of the state board of health to close the hotels and saloons in the present influenza fight. August C. Lagemann, who was arrested on a charge of violating the closing order by selling liquor, was made the subject of the test and a writ of habeas corpus was secured returnable to-morrow which raises the question.