

Influenza

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City of Portland,

City Hall,
Portland, Oregon.

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November 13, 1918.

Mr. J. C. True,
543 $\frac{1}{2}$ Albina Ave.,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of November 12th, will say that there must have been some misunderstanding of the case as the facts you mention are not in accordance with the practice. As to the delay of the Health Officer in attending the case you must realize that the Health Officer has been a decidedly busy man for a month or more past with the epidemic of Spanish Influenza, the operation of a new Emergency Hospital at the Auditorium and all the other health affairs of the city.

I have taken your complaint up with Dr. Partish, City Health Officer and have asked him to inquire into the case and set you right at once.

Trusting this will be satisfactory, I am

Yours very truly,

WM

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November 13, 1918.

Dr. George Parrish,
City Health Officer,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:

Will you please straighten these people out on the
quarantine proposition. It appears to me to be a misunderstanding.

Yours very truly,

WM

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Acting Chief of Police Clark,
Police Station,
Portland, Ore.

Dear Sir:-

It is absolutely necessary that influenza quarantine signs be put out as quickly as possible. It appears that reports now being sent to the Police Bureau from the Health Bureau are not handled as expeditiously as might be. Will you kindly assign whatever men are necessary to do the clerical end of this work - that is the arranging of the quarantine cases by beats - so that the first relief after the receipt of the list from the Health Bureau will be able to post the signs.

This is extremely important and I wish you would give it your personal attention until the system is working so that there is not a minutes delay.

Very truly yours,

MAYOR

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Portland, Oregon

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Mr Geo L. Baker

Mayor - City

GEO. L. BAKER
MAYOR

Dear Sir

This organization would like to ask to what legal authority Dr. Parrish constitutes himself medical ^{and} dictator of this city in again issuing "orders" that have the effect of laws ^{and} with constantly threatening the citizens of this city with arrest ^{and} imprisonment if his "orders" are not obeyed? In the absence of any constitutional article or state law establishing allopathic ^{medicine} as a "state medicine" or standard for all to be treated by we would like to ask to what legal authority the city council attempts to set up allopathic medicine as a standard for treatment by the citizens of this city in passing, ^{and} Dr. Parrish attempting to enforce, an ordinance ^{making} sneezing ^{and} coughing a penal offense?

This organization has twice before called your attention to the activities of Dr. Parrish

Parrish & his high handed methods & the records of the Auditorium hospital certainly speak volumes for the inefficiency of his methods of treatment - The business interests & citizens generally of this city are justly indignant & incensed at you & Dr. Parrish for the closing up of the city & the spreading & forcing of the old & obsolete "Jimm" theory of disease, which is advocated by only the political wing of medical doctors & opposed by all other medical & Douglas physicians - The medical front plans to continue this "Scare" & this organization stands ready now without any further notice to institute drastic action & suits for heavy damages from any city or state official who attempts to renew conditions of the past few weeks

There is no more "influenza" than there ever was leaving out coughs, colds & sneezes reported as such for "Scare" purposes

James R. Rapp

The Organ Editor of Douglas Association
Gen. A. W. A. Turner

207 14th St

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December 6, 1918.

Mrs. I. Aronson,
Broadway & Washington Sts.,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter regarding influenza, will say that you are mistaken about no quarantine being enforced or no cards being displayed. Regular quarantine cards of white with red letters are posted on homes in which the disease exists. This is a bar to any person, except a member of the family, entering or leaving the premises. You can realize what an enormous task it is for the Health Bureau to cover all new cases, there being from 100 to 200 each day. They are keeping up with this work as fast as possible, aided by physicians throughout the city. I am sorry to say that a few physicians are not cooperating as they should in this work.

As to the question of renewing the ban in Portland, will say that I do not believe there will be a renewal of the ban.

Yours very truly,

M A Y O R



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NEW WASHINGTON HOTEL

SEATTLE

Dec 6, 1918.

Dear Dr. Parrish:

I thought you might
be interested in reading the
enclosed clipping from this
Evening's paper.

W. F. Langdon.

INFLUENZA CASES TO BE QUARANTINED

Health Commissioner Issues Regulations Under Ordinance Passed by Council.

(For Editorial Comment See Page 6)

All influenza cases in Seattle will be quarantined for ten days, or at least until every symptom, including the cough, has disappeared from the patient.

In a letter addressed to Seattle physicians today, City Health Commissioner J. S. McBride promulgates the regulations under which the influenza ordinance passed yesterday afternoon by the City Council will be enforced.

He calls attention to the passage of the ordinance, establishes the length of time to which the case shall be subject to quarantine, and warns particularly against mild cases being permitted to mingle with the public. In order to save time, the letters, with which were inclosed copies of the ordinance and blanks on which reports are to be made to the health department, were sent by messenger to the physicians, and this afternoon the first of the quarantine placards are being put up by inspectors of the department.

McBride's Letter to Physicians.

Commissioner McBride's letter to physicians follows:

"Enclosed find copy of ordinance making influenza a quarantinable disease and requiring the prompt reporting of each case of the same.

"Believing that quarantine will at least prove of some assistance when this disease becomes a serious menace to the community, and that it will enable us to control the situation after the epidemic subsides to that point where it is not practicable to longer retain a ban on public assemblages, we decided to try this measure, and respectfully ask your cooperation in giving it a trial.

"The minimum period of quarantine will be ten days or until all symptoms of the disease, including cough, has disappeared. We are leaving this largely to the discretion and good judgment of the attending physician.

Homes to Be Placarded.

"All homes having influenza cases will be quarantined and placarded; providing, however, that where the case or cases can be properly isolated in the home other members of the household can attend to their business outside.

"This quarantine applies to mild cases as well as the severe ones. In fact, the mild ambulant case is the greatest spreader of the disease. He is not very ill, mingles freely with others, and produces fatal results amongst those so exposed. Therefore, we especially request that you also report this particular class.

"As a preventive measure the patient should be free from all symptoms of influenza, and for his personal welfare should be free from the lassitude and asthenia so characteristic of this disease before being allowed unlimited freedom.

"Several patients have previously on leaving our Emergency Hospital when free from fever, but still much debilitated by the disease, contrary to the advice of the visiting staff. As a result, many returned within seventy-two hours with a frank pneumonia which usually proved fatal. A proper quarantine should prevent this.

"The increase within the past week in the number of cases reported per day from 30 to 630, with a corresponding increase in deaths, is the reason for taking that action. I am therefore again calling upon the medical profession to assist the department in stamping out the worst epidemic Seattle has ever known.

"A daily report by telephone, followed in all cases by a written report for corroboration, will enable us to get the quick action so necessary in effective quarantine measures."

Must Report All Cases.

"All cases, mild or severe, must be reported," said Dr. McBride this morning. "The ordinance specifies that every physician, nurse, practitioner or healer, any person pretending to act as such and prescribing any treatment, medical or otherwise for any person sick with the disease or showing symptoms thereof, must report the case to the Health Department. In the absence of any physician, or in case none has been called, the head of the house, hotel or lodging house proprietor must report the case if they have reason to believe any inmate has the disease.

"This ordinance has been passed so that a ban will not be necessary and unless it is observed its purpose will be defeated."

Commissioner McBride called attention to the use of vaccine as a preventive and said many physicians were now administering it again.

Decrease is shown in the number of cases reported to the Health Department yesterday compared with the preceding day. The total yesterday was 448 with six deaths. The day before showed 630 cases and seven deaths. The total number of cases reported for the week up to last night was 1,901 and forty-seven deaths. Up to noon today sixty-one new cases had been reported, compared with 109 at the same hour yesterday.

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