

ness as usual. If the theaters had been kept open and amusement outlets provided, if the inspiration of public worship had not been removed, if the long face and the dolorous mien had not been quite so much in evidence what would have happened?

Perhaps the lesson was worth the learning. In any event let's "forget it" and get down to business. There is plenty of it to be done. Many enterprises have been marking time. Christmas shopping will go forward with a rush; there will be no chance of becoming a criminal because we stop to look in an attractive window. Theater doors will swing wide tomorrow and our favorite custard pie comedian or Wild West hero will again parade the screen. Interrupted educations will be taken up where they were left off. The seven weeks of gloom will slip from us as a robe de nuit on a fogless morning. Adios, "flu" scare! And good riddance to you.

And now that our city seems to be getting out of this infernal strait-jacket, would it not be well for our tireless regulators to give us a respite? In comparison with other large and prosperous cities Los Angeles has suffered woefully from overregulation. A walk through the downtown streets discloses some of the results of rule by doctrinaires and fixers of other folks' business.

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