Officials Plan Hospitals For Grip Patients

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including a committee of citizens outside the hospitals; and a nurses' committee. The general emergency committee has its headquarters in Rooms 429 and 430, City-County Building.

The committee plans to survey existing hospital facilities to ascertain how many patients can be accommodated and to be ready with emergency hospitals if that should become necessary. The committee will meet every day.

Further city activities included an order to carry no more than six persons in any passenger elevator at one time, and a most drastic order prohibiting the sale of liquor except in drug stores on a physician's prescription.

Many Cases Reported.

Meanwhile the number of cases reported grew hourly, and the deaths from pneumonia, mostly supervened by influenza, is causing alarm. The county records are augmented by reports from boroughs and townships, and while it is still apparent that this district has not suffered from the epidemic in as degree as comparable with Eastern cities, the steady growth of the number of cases indicates that most stringent regulations will be necessary to check its spread.

In the past 26 hours ending at 11 o'clock last night 353 cases of influenza and pneumonia were reported, and during the same hours 37 deaths from lobar pneumonia, eight deaths from influenza and five from cerebral pneumonia, a total of 42 deaths, were reported.

The public school attendance, according to Sup't W. M. Davidson, has fallen off to 20 per cent, but the health condition is normal and the school medical inspection is being continued daily in all classes.

Liquor Dealers Protest.

In the county some of the schools are closed, but this practice is being urged the approved plan being to send home any child suffering from a cold and recommend immediate medical attention.

Some wholesale liquor dealers of the county did not take the closing order affecting them in good grace. Many of them called at the Health Bureau yesterday to personally express their opinion, particularly in view of the very large business done by the wholesale liquor dealers and bottlers.

Later in the day, however, Maj. Davis heard a different story from the wholesale liquor dealers and bottlers. They have two associations, one composed of those who handle as well as spirituous liquors, and the other of those dealers who handle distilled and vinous liquors. Both associations met in the afternoon.

A letter from Maj. Davis containing excerpts from the state orders was read at the meeting and a resolution to obey the order was adopted. The members then heard Director Davis of the action taken and said the members would comply with it.

New Orders Received.

The letter of Maj. Davis had its basis in the following supplemental order from State Health Commissioner.

Consult with leading medical men and provide for the sale through drug stores on proper prescription, for the relief of alcoholics and their families, and make provisions for wholesalers and bottlers and housewives for this purpose.

These orders need not prohibit

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