Influenza Spreads in Pittsburgh

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Committee today will inspect buildings recommended, for use as hospitals in case they are needed.

As it seems to be some confusion as to the regulations affecting the opening of churches, the Department of Public Health yesterday issued the following statement on the subject:

All churches are to be closed to the public on Sundays. On weekdays church buildings may be opened to individuals for private worship, but no congregation or group shall be allowed to enter.

Funerals are not permitted to enter churches.

Organizations of various kinds continued yesterday to order the discontinue of gatherings involving the drawing of crowds.

Judge John D. Shaver, president of the common pleas court, issued the following statement relative to jury trials and court sessions:

On account of the prevalence of influenza, jurors who have been summoned for duty in the Common Pleas and county courts on the second Monday of October have been excused from duty and will not be required to report. Until the resumption of business, the court will convene at 10 o'clock in the morning instead of 9:30. No session will be held in the afternoon unless required by the business.

Col. Franklin Blackstone, commander of the Third Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserve Militia, of this city, received orders from Maj. Gen. Frank E. Day of Harrisburg to discontinue all drills for the present because of the epidemic of influenza.

Drills Discontinued.

Sheriff W. S. Hadley, commander-in-chief of the Buckshot Brigade of Allegheny county, directed the unit commanders of the Buckshot Brigade to discontinue all drills until further notice. Commanders and staff officers of the Brigade scheduled for October 18.

At a meeting of the Department of Health of Allegheny county, orders were issued that all churches and Sunday schools be closed until the epidemic of influenza had been stamped out.

Fifteen cases of influenza were reported to the Tarentum Board of Health. Six cases were discovered in one house.

Health authorities in Tarentum have ordered drinking water boiled as a result of the typhoid fever outbreak. All church meetings, except one morning service on Sunday, have been forbidden in Tarentum.

Whitaker borough's two schools, the Stoddard and the Whitaker, were ordered closed by the board of health. While no cases of influenza had been discovered among the pupils, many had been sent home because of colds and the health officials decided upon the closing order.

Officials of the Pressed Steel Car Company, McKees Rocks, have adopted their own preventive measures against the influenza epidemic.

John O. Jones, secretary of the North Braddock Board of Health, yesterday issued an order closing the borough's schools and prohibiting all church meetings until further notice. The action was taken after the Braddock Ministerial Association and the North Braddock School Board had recommended that it be done.