Ban Remains; Babcock Goes To Harrisburg

State Commissioner Refuses to Modify Health Regulations Here.

NEW CASES FEWER

Encouragement Found in Reports on Influenza and Pneumonia.

COUNTY TO GIVE AID

Determined to press for the removal of the ban on amusements, public gatherings, etc. ordered by the State Department of Health, Mayor E. V. Babcock went to Harrisburg yesterday afternoon in response to a telegram from him by Dr. F. B. Franklin Royer, acting state commissioner of health, in which he refused to lift the embargo.

His telegram, which was sent in answer to Mr. Babcock's request of Sunday, stated that the epidemic was still increasing in Pennsylvania and that the number of deaths from influenza is growing greater daily. Dr. Royer's telegram follows:

Replying to your telegram this afternoon, I beg to advise that, with the influenza situation so seriously threatening the lives and health of your people and with your death rates increasing, your Health Department would not be justified in order of this department, and we cannot at this time consider any modification of the restrictions.

I will always be glad to see you and discuss health matters. You may come to Harrisburg some time tomorrow or Tuesday. I can see you at any hour.

Council yesterday finally passed the ordinance to provide a $50,000 emergency fund to fight the influenza epidemic. The original ordinance was for $100,000, but by the advice of Mr. Babcock the sum was cut down to $50,000. This matter was important and necessary, that Mr. Babcock and Controller E. R. Morrow joined in a certificate of emergency, as required by law, when funds not provided for in the annual budget were required. Dr. Royer on conditions here.

Some encouragement, however, was derived from the reports submitted to the Bureau of Infectious Diseases:

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