

# Mayor's Effort To Remove Ban Without Avail

State Health Commissioner  
Says Influenza Closing  
Order Must Stand.

## MANY NEW CASES

Reports Show Largest  
Number of Deaths Since  
Epidemic Seized City.

## MUCH SERUM USED

Following a two-hours conference with Dr. B. Franklin Royer, acting state commissioner of health, in Harrisburg yesterday, Mayor E. V. Babcock stated that his efforts to obtain a removal of the ban on amusements and other activities here had been futile.

Mr. Babcock went to the Capital Monday following a telegraphic refusal of his request, and, after a personal conference, made the following statement:

I spent two hours with Dr. Royer and went over Pittsburgh conditions carefully. I found Dr. Royer insistent on not releasing or lifting the ban in Pittsburgh for a few days. His real potent reason is that conditions in McKeesport, McKees Rocks, Homestead and some of the other surrounding towns are such that if the ban is lifted, it would mean that there would be a great influx of people into the city of Pittsburgh. Dr. Royer believes this would be very bad at this time, because of the peculiar relations between Pittsburgh and other centers of population. While Dr. Royer would not lift the ban at the present time, he gave me strong hope that within a few days he would set the time when we could open.

The health commissioner's decision in this matter will be largely influenced by the report he receives from Dr. Wilmer Batt, state registrar of vital statistics, who is in Pittsburgh to investigate the influenza situation and the fight being waged against it by Pittsburgh health authorities.

### New Cases Increase.

Instead of a decrease hoped for by the health authorities, the number of new cases of influenza reported to the Bureau of Infectious Diseases for the

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24-hour period ending at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon showed a large increase.

In that time 792 cases were reported, making a total of 14,801, and 53 new cases of pneumonia, a total of 2,241. Last Saturday 755 new cases of pneumonia were reported and Monday's report for the 48-hour period was sufficiently small to make the authorities hopeful the peak of the epidemic had passed. The report of yesterday, however, dispelled this hope.

The deaths reported for the above period of time yesterday were 178, the largest number in any single day. Of these 59 were due to pneumonia, 97 to influenza and pneumonia and 20 to influenza. This was also the largest number of deaths due to influenza without complications yet reported.

Between 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and last midnight 19 deaths from pneumonia, 32 from influenza and pneumonia and four from influenza were reported.

### Nursing Calls Met.

The fight against the spread of influenza continues with all the power of the city and state authorities. Maj. W. H. Davis, director of the Department of Health, yesterday said that the new hospital regulations were working satisfactorily and that all the patients applying for admission were being cared for. The calls for home nursing service also are being answered.

Both Maj. Davis and Dr. Philip E. Marks, head of the Bureau of Infectious Diseases, believe that the fight is having some effect, and the latter stated that the epidemic would subside as rapidly as it came.

### Inoculation General.

A new supply of serum for inoculation, made in Pittsburgh for the Red Cross, will be available at the end of the week, and inoculation is becoming more general.

The effect of the disease is being felt by all industries, and Superintendent of Mails I. G. Hart yesterday reported the mail service seriously handicapped. Carriers, clerks and

drivers are among the victims.

An emergency hospital is being established in Swissvale by the Union Switch and Signal Company. It will be in the Aircraft Club, and will have 48 private rooms, six bathrooms and all hospital facilities.

Chaplain Anthony Muszinski, with the United States Army at Camp Forrest, Ga., has been granted a furlough to aid in fighting the spread of influenza and pneumonia among the Polish residents of Natrona.

Tarentum and Brackenridge have opened an emergency relief hospital in the Tarentum High School Building.

### Dr. Marsh Against Opening.

The Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church Union of Pittsburgh, pastor of the Smithfield Street Church and vice president of the Pittsburgh Council of Churches, yesterday announced that he is opposed to the State Health Department rescinding at this time its order closing saloons and places of public amusement, and that as far as he knows, none of the leading ministers of the city approve of rescinding the closing order.

## Epidemic Under Control At Military Camps Here

The strict quarantine being maintained at the camps of the Students' Army Training Corps at the Carnegie Institute of Technology and the University of Pittsburgh, is believed to be stamping out the influenza epidemic among the student-soldiers. Only nine new developments of influenza and five cases of pneumonia were reported yesterday by the Army medical officers in charge of the health of the camps, which was the lowest number of influenza-pneumonia victims to be reported for one day since the establishment of the quarantine. It covered the report for the 24 hours ended at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. During the same period three deaths were reported.