

Influenza Ban Is Modified Very Slightly

Lodges and Directorates
May Meet—New Cases
Reported Show Increase.

DEATH RATE REDUCED

With an increase in the number of influenza cases reported yesterday, city authorities, who had hoped that by next Monday at least the ban against saloons and places of amusement might be lifted, were less sanguine. At the Pittsburgh headquarters of the State Health Department it was said that if the number of deaths throughout the state continued to show the decrease of the last three days, the drastic regulations might be abolished or considerably modified in a week and a half.

At the City Health Department 861 new cases of influenza for the 24-hour period ending at 4 o'clock p. m. yesterday were reported, 69 more than during the preceding period. The total number of cases in Pittsburgh now is 15,662. There were 91 new cases of pneumonia, as against 83 the day before, making a total of 1,322. Deaths numbering 144 were reported, 176 having been listed the day before. Forty-six of the latest deaths were from pneumonia, 87 from influenza and pneumonia, and 11 from influenza.

A modification of the epidemic rules was communicated by telegraph yesterday to Health Director W. H. Davis by Dr. B. Franklin Royer, acting state health commissioner. Under the lightened rule "boards of directors of important business organizations" are allowed to meet, "with the minimum number sufficient to transact business." This is construed by the city as permitting the executive committees of war work organizations to meet and settle their business speedily. Dr. Royer also authorizes building and loan associations and lodges to meet. The grand master of the Masonic Order has ordered all lodges throughout the state to have no meeting last longer than one hour.

Field Hospital at Curtisville.

The State Health Department is busy answering calls for relief outside Pittsburgh and yesterday took measures to install a field hospital in Curtisville, in the northern part of the county, where there are 700 influenza cases. The field hospital, which will be in tents furnished by the state adjutant general's department, will have accommodations for 200 persons. Dr. E. L. Friederman of the United States Public Health Service, arrived yesterday from Massachusetts and was put

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in charge of the hospital. Miss Odella Conley, one of the nurses of the State Health Department, was sent to Curtisville.

Dr. Willmer R. Batt, state registrar of vital statistics, saw Mayor Babcock yesterday on the latter's return from Harrisburg, where he saw Dr. Royer in a vain endeavor to have the regulation concerning saloons and places of amusement here rescinded. Dr. Batt also obtained from Health Director Davis the influenza statistics for the month.

Mr. Babcock had nothing much to add to the interview with him in Harrisburg, published yesterday. He said he was convinced that the State Health Department was working with no other motive than the welfare and health of the people of the state. Mr. Babcock went to his home in the afternoon, saying he had a slight cold.

New Cases in County, 1,063.

The total number of influenza cases in the county, for the 24-hour period ending at noon yesterday, as given at the headquarters here of the State Health Department, was 42,065; new cases, 1,063; the number at individual points ranging from one in Edgeworth to 80 in Braddock. Glassport, Willock and Oakdale had each a total number of 400 cases. There were 205 deaths in the county from influenza, influenza and pneumonia and influenza. The committee of representatives of the Red Cross, National Defense and other organizations, which is co-operating with the State Department, will meet Dr. Batt today, probably in the office of Maj. Davis.

The health authorities in Tarentum,

Natrona and Brackenridge have opened public vaccine stations, where serum will be supplied. Dentists of the three towns have volunteered to take charge of the stations, to relieve the physicians, who are busy treating more than 1,000 cases in the community.

Bookkeepers and tellers of the Washington Trust Company are cheerfully wearing gauze masks, in accordance with orders of the board of directors. Before the masks were donned 10 of the 25 employes had developed influenza and only five have gone back to work.

Influenza Proves Fatal To Husband and Wife

Clare D. Graham, aged 37, superintendent of the Dravosburg Dock and Construction Company, and his wife, Mrs. Martha Hodgson Graham, aged 28, died yesterday morning of influenza in their home, Plum street, Elizabeth. Besides a daughter, Miss Phyllis Graham, Mr. Graham leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. and Amanda Graham; two brothers, James H. Graham, Jr., and Harry B. Graham, and four sisters, Mrs. C. C. Bowman and the Misses Charlotte, Nettie and Martha Graham of Elizabeth. Mrs. Graham leaves, besides the child, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William R. and Elizabeth Hodgson, and seven sisters, Mrs. L. R. Tagg, Mrs. D. J. Finn and the Misses Florence, Charlotte, Helen, Jean and Anna Hodgson.