Church Services Are Allowed Tomorrow, Maj. Davis Announces

Maj. W. H. Davis, director of the Pittsburgh Health Department, who issued the order closing Pittsburgh schools and churches on account of the influenza epidemic in the city, has rescinded the order and stated that services will be resumed in all churches in the city. He will notify each pastor, as he did when the closing order was issued, to entice the public to church. The newspaper announcement of the rescinding of the order is as follows:

As necessary public service action, on the order is not considered, and not state action, no question regarding the city's authority to issue a new order.

Royer to Get Legal Advice Before Acting

Mayor Babcock's Defiance Surprises Acting Health Commissioner.

HE ISSUES STATEMENT

When Dr. H. F. Royer, acting state commissioner of health, at Harrisburg, learned last night of Mayor V. Babcock's proclamation advising against obeying the closing orders, he was much surprised, and, according to a telegram from Harrisburg to the Gazette Times, desires to consult the Attorney General before taking any action on the matter. He manifested no desire to pursue such a radical course toward Pittsburgh as he did to Lancaster, in order to train the city. When Royer issued the following statement:

The proclamation of Mayor Babcock, delivered this evening, was undertaken to maintain the quarantine of the city. However, the action is not in the interest of public health, and it is not contemplated that Babcock will make any announcement or give any reasons. The deaths in the city have been everywhere in excess of the expected number.

To Get Legal Advice

I must not make any announcement regarding what action the Attorney General will take. I have conferred with the Attorney General, and he has directed me to issue an order as outlined in the proclamation.